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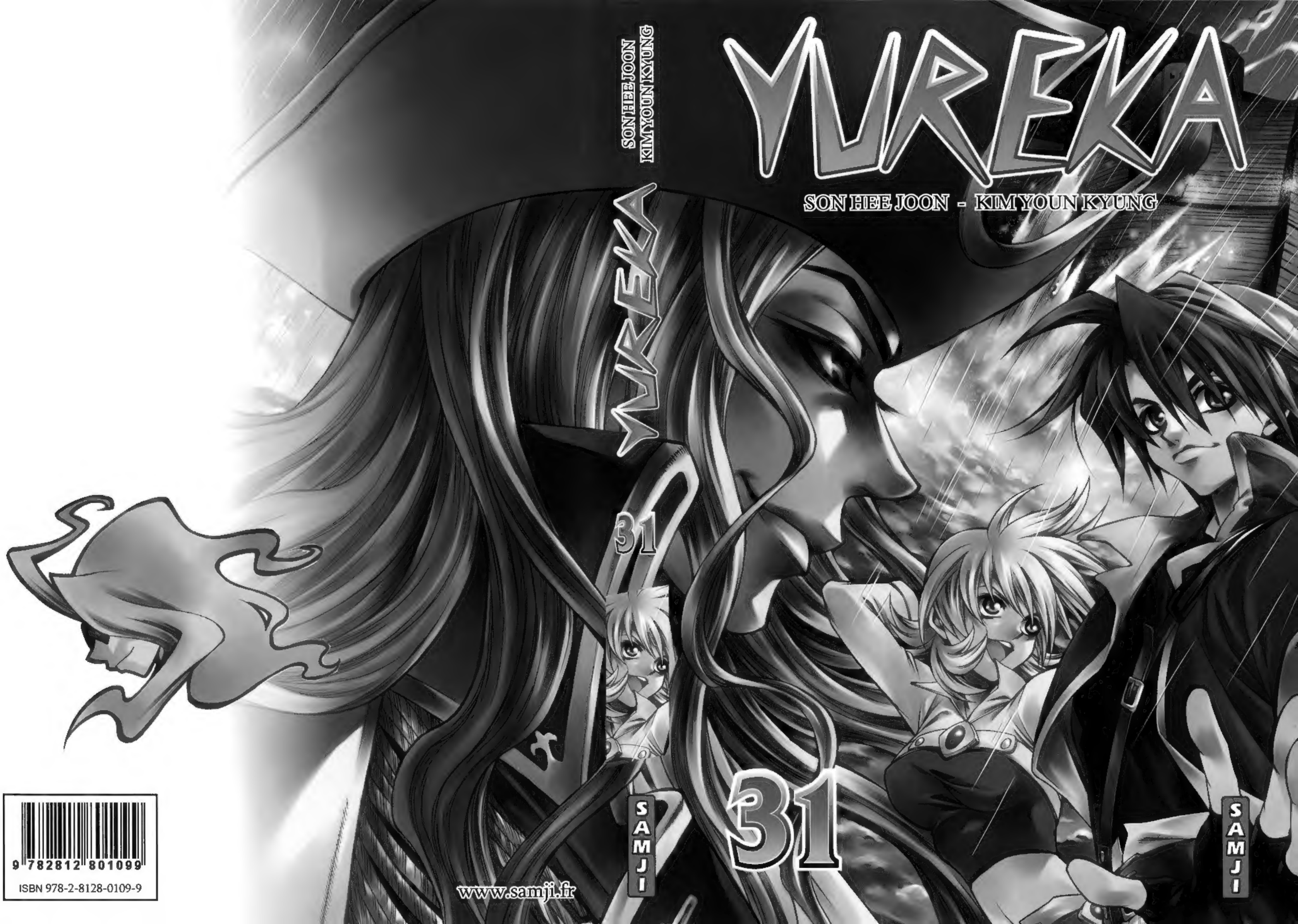
Kim Youn Kyung:

It's very strange...
I thought that Spring was just around the door, but the rain just keeps falling without stopping! It's unclear why the temperatures keep changing all the time... (I'm so cold...)
I feel so out of shape lately. I'm not sure if this cold weather is the cause, or if it's a general feeling... I just know it's not just a psychological thing, because my papers have been warped by moisture lately~!

Son Hee Joon:

At school my Manhwa often got confiscated during inspections of personal belongings.
Luckily for me, a kind teacher always gave me back my books, although the other students didn't really like that.
I wonder what became of him...



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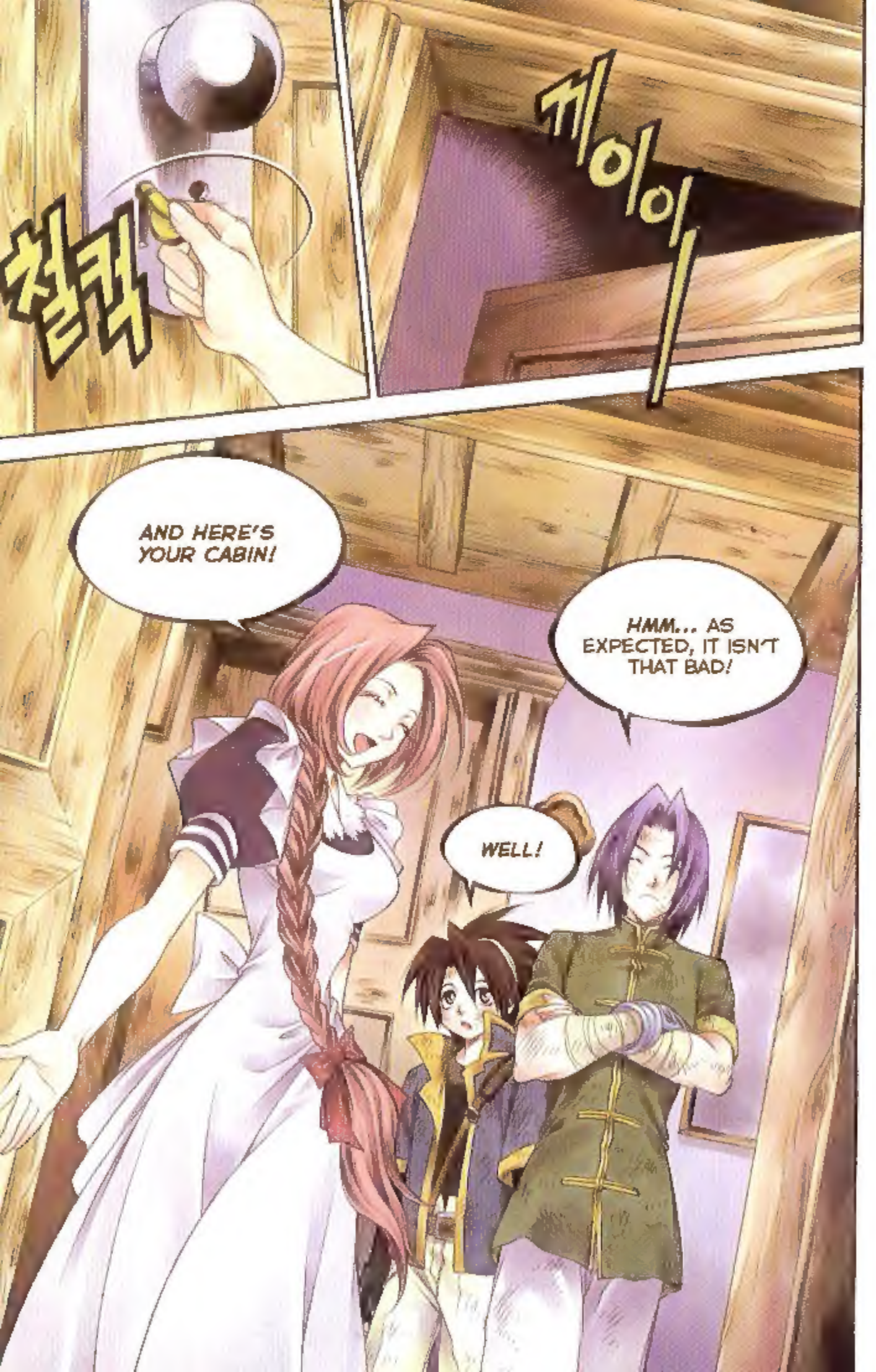
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AND HERE'S YOUR CABIN!
HMM... AS EXPECTED, IT ISN'T THAT BAD!
WELL!

CLIC

CRII

AND HERE'S YOUR CABIN!

HMM... AS EXPECTED, IT ISN'T THAT BAD!

WELL!

THERE'S ONLY A BED AND A TABLE! LIKE IN A PRISON...

THAT CONTAINER IN THE CORNER... DON'T TELL ME IT'S A CHAMBER POT?!

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? A FOUR-STAR SUITE, MAYBE?

IT'S TRUE THAT WE'RE IN A BAD POSITION TO COMPLAIN!

HI

ZZZ

WE SHOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE GOTTEN A CABIN AT ALL...

HOLLING

HUH?

IT'S A WARNING MESSAGE!

OH NO! THEY AREN'T GOING TO MAKE US FULFILL OTHER CONDITIONS, ARE THEY?

Thank you; please make the payment for the room at the reception.

WHAT?!!

THEY'RE GOING TOO FAR! WE ALREADY WENT THROUGH LOT JUST TO GUARD THESE KEYS!

FROM WHAT I CAN SEE, THEY'RE JUST TRYING TO CHEAT US PLAYERS!

THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING, WE'LL BE IN RAGS! GOODBYE, RICHES...

SOME SMALL FEES HERE AND THERE ADD UP TO ONE HEFTY SUM...

WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE! DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE RECEPTION IS, PIR.?

TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I HAVE NO IDEA ...

THERE'S A CROWD AT THE END OF THE HALL-WAY; IT'S DEFINITELY THERE!

BROUAH

BROUAH

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! THE LINE IS ENDLESS!

IT SEEMS TO BE MOVING VERY SLOWLY. THE FORMALITIES MUST BE PRETTY COMPLICATED.

STOP CUTTING!

I DON'T SEE WHY IT WOULD TAKE SO MUCH TIME TO PAY FOR THE ROOMS...

I WANT TO FIND OUT! PATIENCE HAS NEVER BEEN ONE OF MY STRONG POINTS!

YOU, STAY HERE TO KEEP OUR PLACE IN LINE!

I WANT TO COME TOO...

KLEOO

How many times do i have to tell you?

The management decides the price of each room case by case!

AND YOU THINK THAT'S NORMAL? *WHAT A RIP-OFF!*

i cant do anything about it! Theyre orders from the higher-ups.

WELL? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

PEOPLE ARE GETTING IMPATIENT!

WHY IS THE LINE SO SLOW?

WELL... IT'S A RATHER STRANGE SITUATION.

IT SEEMS LIKE EXTORTION!

WHOA, LOTTO!

WHAT? WE HAVE TO MAKE DEALS WITH PAWNBROKERS?

TO ACCESS A CABIN, WE HAVE TO PAY A TAX ON ALL OF OUR POSSESSIONS FIRST, INCLUDING MONEY AS WELL AS ITEMS AND CLOTHING!

IT'S LIKE WE HAVE TO PAY A SORT OF RIGHT TO SUCCESSION!

AND LASTLY, THE PAYMENT IS ONLY ACCEPTED IF WE CONVERT GOLD INTO A DIFFERENT CURRENCY THAT IS USABLE IN LAST SAGA.

WHAT?

FOR EXAMPLE, 10,000 GOLD IS EQUIVALENT TO 10 MITHRIL. BUT SINCE THEY TAKE AROUND 20% FOR COMMISSION, YOU'LL ONLY END UP WITH 8 MITHRIL!

THAT'S WAY TOO EXPENSIVE! CAN'T THEY GIVE US A BREAK?!

AND IF YOU DEPOSIT THIS SUM INTO THE ACCOUNT, YOU HAVE TO ACCOUNT FOR THE 50% EXTRA COST! SO IN THE END, 10,000 GOLD ONLY GIVES YOU 4 MITHRIL...

AND THAT'S NOT ALL...

THE TOTAL EXCHANGE IS CAPPED AT 1,000 MITHRIL PER PERSON!

WHAT?! IN OTHER WORDS, WE CAN KEEP ONLY 250,000 GOLD EACH?

PRETTY MUCH...

BUT THERE IS A LOOPHOLE...

IT'S OKAY TO BRIBE THEM TO BE EXEMPTED FROM THE COMMISSION.

IF YOU OFFER A GIFT OF 1,000 GOLD, THEY'LL MAKE THE EXCHANGE FOR 1 MITHRIL WITHOUT ANY EXTRA COST...

...!

I SEE WHERE THEY'RE GOING WITH THIS...

AND THAT IS?

THEY WANT TO REDUCE THE INEQUALITIES IN WEALTH!

WHAT?

WE CAN'T REALLY CALL IT EXTORTION, BECAUSE EVERYONE HERE HARDLY HAS THE SAME STANDARD OF LIVING...

THE RICHEST, WHO EACH HAVE MORE THAN 250,000 GOLD, PAY THROUGH THE NOSE IN THE FORM OF GIFTS.

IN PRACTICE, THE EXTRA COSTS OF COMMISSION ARE CAPPED AT 60% UP UNTIL 250,000 GOLD, BUT AFTER THAT, THEY REACH 99%!

AS A RESULT, THE MITHRIL OWNED BY THE SUPER-RICH CAN'T BE MUCH MORE THAN TWICE THE AMOUNT RECEIVED BY THOSE WHO HAVE LESS THAN 250,000 GOLD!

...

YOU'RE SMARTER THAN I THOUGHT! IT'S PROOF THAT APPEARANCES ARE MISLEAD,NG...

Is this what they learn at school?

HA HA! IT WAS EASY-PEASY...

WAIT WHAT? IT'S PROOF THAT AP-PEAR-ANCES ARE MIS-LEADING?

SO, PEOPLE WERE EXCITED OVER NOTH-ING WITH THE KEYS!

THOSE WHO BECAME RICH WILL RETURN TO BEING JUST AS RICH AS EVERYONE ELSE...

THE FAMOUS PRINCIPLE OF THE GIFTS DEFINITELY COVERS UP SOME-THING ELSE!

REMEMBER! LAST SAGA IS A COMBINATION OF LOST SAGA AND CYBER QUEST, BUT THIS WOULD BE LIKE TWO ENEMY COUNTRIES.

WHAT COULD IT BE FOR? ALL OF THE PASSENGERS ON THIS ARK ARE SUR-VIVORS IN NEED...

THE GIFTS ARE SUPPOSED TO PAY FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION AFTER THE FLOOD. THOSE WHO HAVE COL-LECTED THE MOST MONEY IN THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE CON-SIDERED THE MOST POWERFUL...

IN THIS CASE, IT'S EVEN WORSE...

IT WAS A BIG MISTAKE FOR PLAYERS TO BE KILLED TO GET KEYS!

ABSOLUTELY! THESE CONFRONTATIONS E_M.NATED NO SMA_L NUMBER OF KEYS, AND THIS WASTE ONLY CUT INTO THE RECONSTRUCTION BUDGET...

NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF EVERYONE HAD BEEN SATISFIED WITH THEIR OWN KEYS...

HUH?

WHAT WAS THE POINT OF ACCUMULATING KEYS?

IT WOULD BE BETTER TO SAVE OUR RICHES INSTEAD...

PF!OU...

OK

WELL, SO YOU WERE RIGHT!

HUH? WHAT ABOUT?

NOTHING AT ALL, MADAME! IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU. BYE!

Bye

DON'T CALL ME MADAME!!!

I'M ONLY THIRTY YEARS OLD DESPITE MY LOOKS!

GRR

SO SHE ADMITS THAT SHE LOOKS OLD...

CLING

CLING

HA HA HA! I'M ALL SET!!!

WHAT? IT'S BOROMIR.

LOOK, LOTTO! I'M A MILLIONAIRE! I CAN START A NEW LIFE!!!

HA HA HA

YES, THAT'S NICE.

I'D PREFER NOT TO SAY ANYTHING SO THEY WON'T GET DEPRESSED.

GOOD JOB, BOROMIR! YOU SUCCEEDED IN SELLING YOUR KEYS AT A GOOD PRICE DESPITE THE COMPETITION.

HOW MANY ARE THERE LEFT NOW?

I HOPE YOU PUT ASIDE A FEW FOR YUREKA AND PIRI?

Huh?

WAIT...

DON'T TELL ME...

I COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT THEM!!!

WHAT?! HOW COULD YOU BE SO DUMB?

CLONG

GO BUY THEM BACK QUICKLY!!!

CLING

AND TOO BAD IF IT COSTS YOU DOUBLE!!!

There isn't a single one left. I waited until the last minute to raise prices...

SNIP

I DON'T CARE! FIND ME THE KEYS, EVEN IF THEY'RE TEN TIMES MORE EXPENSIVE!

TEN TIMES MORE EXPENSIVE? THAT WOULD COST A LOT OF MONEY...

OH NO! YOU'RE NOT GOING TO START ON THIS, TOO...

GRR

JUST KNOW THAT I HAVE MY REASONS! I'LL EXPLAIN LATER!

LET'S GO! WE'LL SEPARATE TO FIND THESE KEYS!!!

I'M WARNING YOU, BOROMIR! YOU'RE GIVING UP YOUR OWN IF WE FAIL!

BLITZ

SCRR

SO BORING...

I PRESSURE THEM, BUT THEY'RE STILL WANDERING AROUND ON THE BRIDGE

THE MAJORITY OF THESE POOR PEOPLE DIDN'T MANAGE TO GET ANY KEYS! OH I FEEL SORRY FOR THEM

BUT OH WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT I THINK...

TO THEM, I'M JUST AN OBSERVER.

I'M ALREADY DOING MY JOB...

HUH?!

DON'T BE SO SAD! IT'S HAPPENING TO EVERYONE...

HEY! YOU THERE!

HMM?

YEAH, BUT IT'S HARD.

IS THAT AN INSTRUMENT YOU HAVE IN YOUR HAND?

ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THIS? WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR A LITTLE SONG?

GIVE IT TO ME!

LET'S SEE SOME MANNERS! THIS ITEM IS MINE...

ZZT

NO PROBLEM!!! I'LL LEND IT TO YOU!!!

TLING

IT'S WEIRD!

THE FEELING ISN'T EXACTLY THE SAME...

CLIC

CLIC

OH COME ON...

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO ME?

THE CAPTAIN CONFISCATED MY INSTRUMENT!

HE'LL GIVE IT BACK...

MAKE ANOTHER TRY...

TAC

MAYBE WE'LL GET TO HEAR A CONCERT!

THAT WOULD BE FUN...

하하... HA HA

SPEAKING OF CONCERTS... I HAVE TO THINK ABOUT MY CAREER...

WOW! HE'S MANAGING QUITE NICELY!

I WANT TO KNOW WHAT HE'S PLAYING!

TLIING

TLIING

TLIING

HMM! I MIGHT BE ABLE TO GUESS WHAT IT IS! I KNOW MOST OF THE TUNES PLAYED IN LOST SAGA.

ME TOO! WANNA SEE WHO CAN RECOGNIZE IT THE FASTEST?

TLIING

TLIING

TLIING

HMM...

IN GENERAL, I ONLY NEED TO HEAR THE INTRO TO RECOGNIZE THE PIECE...

Hmm La! La! ♪

BUT NOW, I'M STUMPED...

THIS TUNE SEEMS FAMIL-IAR TO ME...

The sky hangs low! The city is choked with dust

...but whatever the stains!

...all will be washed away.

AH DANG! I DON'T RECOGNIZE THIS SONG AT ALL EVEN AFTER HEAR-ING THE LYRICS!

WELL, I'VE GOT IT ON THE TIP OF MY TONGUE...

...Even my tears. Even my sadness.

WHAT?! I DIDN'T HEAR THIS SONG IN THE GAME, BUT IN REAL LIFE...

TALK ABOUT VARIETY... A SLOW-DANCE TYPE OF SONG.

THIS REMINDS ME OF A CONCERT I ATTENDED...

ANYWAY, HE LOOKS LIKE HIM...

PIRI!

THERE YOU ARE! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU EVERY-WHERE!

TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP

I'VE BEEN BUSY SHOWING THE CABINS TO THE PASSENGERS...

THEY MUST BELONG TO OTHER PEOPLE...

EVEN THE NPCS... UHM... WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS THAT ALL INHABITANTS NEED TWO KEYS TO HAVE THE R GHT TO A CABIN!

TOK HAN

I DON'T WANT SOMEONE ELSE TO SACRIFICE THEM-SELVES FOR ME...

SO I BROUGHT TWO JUST FOR YOU, PIRI!

YOU HAVE NO REASON TO FEEL GU..TY.

I TOOK THESE KEYS FROM DISHONEST GUYS WHO STOLE THE KEYS FROM OTHER PEOPLE THEMSELVES!

THAT STILL DOESN'T PREVENT ME FROM TAKING THE PLACE OF OTHERS...

I WOULDN'T WANT TO HURT ANYONE INADVERTENTLY...

PLEASE BE REASONABLE, PIRI!

YOU KNOW FULL WELL THAT THE NUMBER OF PLACES IS LIMITED!

YES, BUT...

...

SHE ALREADY HAS HER PLACE ON THE BOAT. SOMEONE SAW TO IT!

SO LEAVE HER ALONE!

!

ALREADY?!

THANK YOU, PIRI! I SEE THAT I CAN HAVE CONFIDENCE IN YOU...

Was it Aradon?!

°O °

IT'S YOU WHO CAME TOO LATE.

...

YES, IT'S TRUE! I'M SORRY...

EU-SHI HEM

DON'T SAY SUCH SILLY THINGS...

YOU DON'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING TO BE SORRY ABOUT...

WELL, I'LL BE LEAVING! DUTY CALLS...

OK! SEE YOU LATER! WE'LL MEET UP WITH YOU AFTER WE DEPOSIT OUR MONEY.

ZZT

HEY, JANG-GUN!

I HAVE TO TALK WITH YOU.

SCHHH

YES? I'M LISTENING...

I WANT TO KNOW YOUR ANSWER...

TO WHAT QUESTION?

ME...

...OR YUREKA?

FLUSH

DONE? YOU MANAGED TO SURVIVE FOR A REALLY LONG TIME.

WHERE DID I PUT IT?

CLONG

FRT FRT FRT

YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING?

I WAS PRETTY SURE THAT I PUT IT HERE...

REMEMBER! WE ATTENDED THAT ONE CONCERT BEFORE WE MADE OUR DEBUTS...

WHEN WAS THIS?

aHa!!!

IT'S THE SINGER FROM HACKING!

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT; HE LOOKS JUST LIKE HIM!!!

OH RIGHT! HE WASN'T REALLY WELL KNOWN, BUT HE STILL HAD FANS...

SO SAD...

...HE WAS KILLED IN A CAR ACCIDENT.

But some claim that he's still living in a coma!

YUREKA SCANS

PLEASE PURCHASE THIS MANGA
WHEN IT'S AVAILABLE IN YOUR REGION!

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The Choice

GIVE ME YOUR ANSWER.

WILL IT BE YUREKA...

...OR ME?

SCHHH

B-BUT, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

I DON'T GET IT...

WHY ARE YOU FORCING ME TO MAKE A DECISION?

I DON'T SEE THE POINT IN ACTING LIKE YOU WERE TWO DIFFERENT ENTITIES!

AFTER ALL, THIS BODY IS HOME TO BOTH OF YOU!

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM WITH YUREKA AND JAEHA LIVING TOGETHER?

IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE.

THIS COHABITATION WE HAVE IS STRAINED AND FORCED...

WE DIDN'T LIKE EACH OTHER FROM THE START...

HUH? WHO DIDN'T LIKE WHOM?

WELL...

DO I HAVE THE RIGHT TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION?

...

THIS IS SO STUPID...

IT'S LIKE I'M ASKING MYSELF FOR PERMISSION!

NO WAY... IT'S NOT POSSIBLE...

YUREKA IS TRYING TO SMOTHER MY PERSONALITY!

SHE WANTS TO BE THE ONLY ONE TO HAVE THIS BODY.

THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE...

WE'VE BEEN FIGHTING SINCE THE FIRST DAY TO GET THE UPPER HAND!

WHY WOULD YUREKA DO ANY-THING LIKE THAT?

BECAUSE OF YOU!

BUT THAT'S... WHAT DID I DO?

WE HAVE TO KNOW WHICH ONE OF US YOU PREFER.

EACH TIME I TRIED TO EXPLAIN MYSELF, YUREKA WOULD SYSTEMATICALLY STOP ME!

SHE THINKS THAT YOU NEED HER MORE THAN ME! AND I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT!

BUT IT WAS YOU THAT DIDN'T RESPOND TO MY CALL LAST TIME...

NATURALLY, I ASSUMED THAT YOU PREFERRED TO REMAIN IN THE BACKGROUND!!!

THAT WAS ONE TIME...

BECAUSE AT THAT TIME, I MYSELF COULDN'T SEE IT CLEARLY; AND AFTER THAT, THERE HAS NEVER BEEN AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO CATCH UP...

THAT'S RIDICULOUS! YOU MUST BE JOKING!

YOU'RE NOT BEING FAIR!

WHY DO YOU ONLY BELIEVE WHAT YUKINA TELLS YOU?!

HUH?

DO YOU WANT ME TO TELL YOU? IF I PRETEND YUREKA DOESN'T EXIST, IT'S ONLY OUT OF PURE JEALOUSY...

AND THAT'S ALSO WHAT YOU THINK! REC- OGNISE IT, LOTTO!!!

BUT YOU KNOW WHAT? YUREKA WANTS THE SAME THING I DO, SHE DREAMS OF EVICTING ME JUST SO SHE WON'T HAVE TO SHARE YOU!

I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN IT WAS HER, NOT ME, THAT YOU CALLED WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH! YOU CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE HOW I FELT!

STOP! THAT'S ENOUGH!!!

IT'S YOUR FAULT, LOTTO! YOU ALWAYS THOUGHT OF US AS TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE!

I'M NOT LIKE YOU, JAEHA!!!

IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU THAT WE FIGHT AGAINST EACH OTHER TRYING TO BE CHOSEN!

IF I EVER ACTED THAT WAY, IT WAS ONLY BECAUSE LOTTO NEEDED ME!!!

BUT ME? I'VE HAD ENOUGH! IN THE END, IT'S ABOUT MY BODY, RIGHT?!

ALONE. I CAN'T DO A THING ABOUT IT

THAT'S WHY I PLANT TO BRING ABOUT AN END TO THIS SITUATION

EL POF #1

YOU'RE WRONG, JAEHA...

SNIF.

I'M NOT SUCH A BAD PERSON...

PEACE...

NOW...

...THAT'S WHAT I WANT!

WILL IT BE ME...

...OR YUREKA?

I CAN'T DECIDE...

THERE HAS TO BE ANOTHER WAY...

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT NOT TO CHOOSE ME...

I CAN LEAVE YOU ALONE IF YOU DO NOT WANT ME!

I DON'T HAVE TO DECIDE RIGHT AWAY...

OF COURSE YOU DO! OTHERWISE, THIS SITUATION MAY NEVER BE RESOLVED...

YUREKA WAS WRONG!

I DON'T HAVE ANY PARTICULAR PREFERENCE...

BE HONEST, LOTTO! TELL US THE TRUTH!

BUT...

BUT... I...

THAT'S IT!

AS LOTTO, IT'S YUREKA I PREFER...

...BUT AS JANG-GUN, I'M ATTRACTED TO JAEHA...

SO, I'M JUST LIKE YOU!

I, TOO, AM PULLED IN TWO DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS...

VERY WELL...

HUH?

SO IS THAT IT? CAN WE CONSIDER THIS PROBLEM RESOLVED?

YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A COWARD!

I CAN'T BELIEVE I HAVE FEELINGS FOR YOU!

AND HERE YOU GO! I SHOWED THE PASSENGERS TO THEIR CABINS LIKE YOU ASKED ME TO.

SORRY AGAIN FOR THE DISTURBANCE, PIRI!

THE LAST FOUR CABINS ARE FOR YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS!

I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO LOTTO AND YUREKA!

MOST OF THE PASSENGERS ARE ALREADY IN THEIR ROOMS...

YOU'RE SURE THAT THERE'LL STILL BE ONE FOR YOU TOO?

OF COURSE! I'LL GO TO MY CABIN THE INSTANT YOU'RE ALL SETTLED IN...

COME ON, COME IN! I'LL TAKE CARE OF LOTTO AND YUREKA ONCE THEY COME BACK.

CLIC

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO MEAN TO THEM! ALL THEY HAVE TO DO IS MANAGE...

THE CORRIDORS ARE ALMOST EMPTY, AND I HAVE NO HARD FEELINGS AGAINST THEM.

WELL THEN. SEE YOU IN THE OTHER WORLD.

SMAC

GRII

GOODBYE...

...AND ABOVE ALL, DON'T FORGET ME.

CLIC

I, TOO...

WILL NEVER FORGET YOU!

WELL... NOW I HAVE TO FIND LOTTO AND YUREKA...

SCHHH

WHAT?

THERE THEY ARE...

YOU'RE HERE! I WAS LOOKING EVERY-WHERE FOR YOU.

COME, I'LL SHOW YOU YOUR ROOMS...

IT'S MY FAULT...

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT! IT'S JAEHA WHO DECIDED TO HEAR WHAT SHE WANTED TO HEAR.

I SHOULD NEVER HAVE SAID THAT...

IF I CHOSE YUREKA AS LOTTO, IT'S ONLY BECAUSE ONLY YUREKA IS ALLOWED IN THIS WORLD...

WHERE I'M JANG-GUN, I REALLY LIKED JAEHA. SHE REMAINS A GHOST INCAPABLE OF EXPRESSING HERSELF....

YUREKA IS THE ONLY ONE IN THIS BODY THAT ALLOWS HER TO TALK, TO THINK, TO MOVE...

SHE, TOO...

' WILL THINGS EVER BE THE SAME WITH YUREKA AFTER HAVING REJECTED JAEHA?

EVEN IF I'M ASHAMED, I DO NOT HAVE THE COURAGE TO LOSE HER.

...I KNOW THAT JAEHA RESPECTS MY DECISION.

IT'S NOT MY DECISION THAT ANGERED HER... BUT RATHER MY INDECISION AND COWARDICE...

LOTTO!

ARE YOU OKAY?

GOOD GRIEF! WHAT DID I DO?

I REQUEST THAT THE LATECOMERS HURRY BACK TO THEIR CABINS!

ACCESS TO THE CABINS WILL BE CLOSED IN FIVE MINUTES!

BAM

PFIOU

WE WERE SO RUSHED THAT I WASN'T ABLE TO ASK THEM WHAT WAS WRONG...

IT SEEMED TO BE RATHER SERIOUS!

AND I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE THE CHANCE TO SAY GOODBYE TO THEM...

THERE WERE NEVER ANY KEYS FOR THE NPCS.

...!

IN ORDER FOR AN NPC TO HAVE A CABIN, SOMEONE ELSE WOULD HAVE TO GIVE THE NPC THEIR OWN KEY!

EVEN IF SOME COULD BENEFIT FROM THE REDISTRIBUTION OF KEYS...

... MANY NPCS WILL REMAIN WANDERING AROUND ON THE BRIDGE LIKE LOST SOULS!

YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE TO HAVE VOLUNTARILY RELINQUISHED YOUR PRIVILEGE

ARE YOU SUICIDAL?

I MADE THE CHOICE SO AS NOT TO LOSE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO ME IN THE WORLD

ARE YOU AFRAID OF DYING ABOUT YOUR MOMENTARY?

IRONICALLY, IN A WAY, ONLY THE PHYSICAL APPEARANCE IS PRESERVED IN THE OTHER WORLD

EVEN IF THE BODY COMMAND TECHNICAL ALL IS INTACT...

WHAT WOULD BE THE POINT OF LIVING IF ONE HUNDRED OF ONE'S MEMORIES...

...SHOULD BE LOST IF ONE COULD KEEP THEM BY THE POWER OF THE MIND?

AT LEAST...

...I WILL STILL HAVE MY MEMORIES!

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The Link

TIP

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YOU'RE STILL DOING THAT?

REMEMBER-- PEOPLE ARE WAITING FOR US.

RELAX... IT'S NOT TIME YET...

DUH, BUT YOU CAN'T GO OUT IN THAT OUTFIT!

IT'S EXACTLY AS I THOUGHT...

TIP TIP

TIP

HACKING

THE RISING STAR OF UNDER-GROUND ROCK MET A TRAGIC END, AT THE DAWN OF A PROMISING CAREER DUE TO AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT...

IT HAS GOT TO BE THE SAME PERSON!

PROFIL

HE WASN'T WELL-KNOWN AT THE TIME; DESPITE AN INFAMOUS ENTRANCE... HE ALWAYS WORE BLACK SUNGLASSES TO PRE-SERVE HIS ANONYMITY...

HE FELL INTO A COMA AFTER A SERIOUS AUTO-MOBILE ACCI-DENT. RUMORS CLAIM THAT HIS RELATIVES HAD THE MACHINES DISCONNECTED.

BUT HOW DOES THAT EXPLAIN HIS PRESENCE IN THE GAME? ESPECIALLY WHEN THE ACCI-DENT DATES BACK TO SEV-ERAL YEARS AGO...

I HAVE AN IDEA ABOUT THAT!

DO YOU REMEMBER THE SCANDAL WITH CLONING CELEBRITES? IT WAS AT THE VERY BEGINNING OF ALL THE NETWORK GAMES' POPULARITY...

THE ONLINE GAME COMPANIES HAD CREATED SEVERAL NPCS IN THE IMAGE OF CELEBRITIES TO ATTRACT PLAYERS.

NOTABLY, THERE WAS THAT SCANDAL WITH THE HYPER GRLS... THOSE POOR GIRLS HAD BEEN USED ON A "MATURE" SITE!

OH RIGHT, THAT'S TRUE! THAT WAS WHY WE VOTED ON A LAW PREVENTING THE CREATION OF NPCS BASED OFF OF REAL-LIFE PEOPLE...

WE MIGHT HAVE SEEN CLONES OF OURSELVES IF WE WERE MORE RENOWNED DURING THAT TIME...

GLOUPS!

Don't talk about that! I'm getting chills just from thinking about it...

IT DIDN'T STOP THOSE NPCS FROM CONTINUING TO CIRCULATE!

WHICH ISN'T SURPRISING AT ALL!

SO THEY COPIED PEOPLE WHO WERE LESS WELL-KNOWN, EDITED THEIR FACIAL FEATURES A BIT ...

...

YES, BUT THEY WERE ONLY COPYING THE PHYSICAL APPEARANCE, RIGHT?

OBVIOUSLY! YOU CAN'T COPY SOMEONE'S PERSONALITY.

NOT ONLY DID HE SING ONE OF HIS OWN SONGS BUT ALSO IN HIS OWN TYPICAL MUSICAL STYLE...

IT'S HIS PLAYING AND NOT THE PHYSICAL RESEMBLANCE, THAT SET ME THINKING...

WITHOUT IT THAT, I WOULDN'T EVEN HAVE RECOGNIZED HIM

IT'S AS IF THE CLONE SOMEHOW HAD THE PERSONALITY OF THE ORIGINAL!

NOW TO FIND OUT WHY... OR RATHER, HOW IT COULD BE POSSIBLE?!

...

THIS IS OBVIOUSLY DISTRACTING YOU! WHY DON'T YOU ASK A SPECIALIST?

LIKE WHO?

YOU KNOW HIM TOO! WE MET HIM DURING A RAID...

P P P

HIS NAME IS SEIDIUS, IF MY MEMORY IS CORRECT! HE KNEW ALL SORTS OF THINGS ON THE SUBJECT...

NO TECHNIQUE LETS A CHARACTER DEVELOP IN SEVERAL SITUATIONS AT THE SAME TIME.

YOU DEFINITELY DEALT WITH A PIRATED VERSION, AND ACCORDING TO MY VERIFICATION PROGRAM...

DON'T TELL ME YOU GAVE HIM YOUR NUMBER? WHAT IF HE FINDS OUT YOUR REAL IDENTITY?

HE NEVER WATCHES TV! HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW THE LOVELY ANGELS, OBVIOUSLY!

It was just in case..

BEEP BEEP
BEEP BEEP
EH, JUN-SUK! YOU HAVE A CALL!
OH... THANKS!

WHY DON'T YOU KEEP YOUR CELL PHONE IN YOUR POCKET?
I DON'T WANT TO BE DISTRACTED BY ITS VIBRATIONS...

HELLO?

IT'S ME!

ARE YOU BUSY? I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU...

STAR

I CAN WAIT IF YOU GOT WORK TO FINISH... OK, THAT WORKS...

CLIC

PHEW...

IT WOULDN'T BE GOOD TO IMPLICATE HER IN THIS STORY...

OUAIS !

LET US HELP YOU!

IT'S NICE OF THEM, BUT THIS TIME, I'D PREFER TO TAKE A PASS ON THEIR HELP...

ESPECIALLY SINCE WOON-SUK ALWAYS HAD A GRUDGE AGAINST YUREKA...

I THOUGHT ABOUT IT, AND THERE'S NOT ONE PERSON WHO I CAN TRUST WITH THIS!

ELCA, SHE'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO...

VROUM

VROUM

I'M HERE. I POST-PONED EVERYTHING TO COME AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE!

BUT IN EXCHANGE, YOU PROMISED TO OFFICIALLY REJOIN OUR CLAN; AND YOU BETTER KEEP YOUR WORD!

TADAP

CHEEE!

This time, it's serious!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!

ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN SHOW ME THE WAY WITHOUT KNOWING THE ADDRESS? ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU'VE ONLY BEEN THERE ONCE...

OF COURSE! I HAVE A RATHER GOOD SENSE OF DIRECTION.

Put it on!

I really have to?

NO. WHY?

OH, SO YOU MUST NOT HAVE HEARD ABOUT PIRI.

ZZT

BY THE WAY! HAVE YOU LOGGED BACK IN SINCE THE END OF THE EVENT?

WELL, WHAT HAPPENED TO HER?

NONE OF THE NPCS SEEM TO REMEMBER THE EVENT!

?

THEY ACT AS IF NOTHING EVER HAPPENED TO THEM...

THAT MAKES ME THINK OF A PARALLEL WORLD.

WHICH IS?

IT HAS TO DO WITH THE THEORY OF PARALLEL UNIVERSES. THE IDEA IS THAT THERE IS ANOTHER PRESENT OCCURRING SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH OURS!

EVENT

LOST SAGA

LOST SAGA II

IN THIS CASE, IT'S AS IF THE COURSE OF TIME FOLLOWS TWO DIFFERENT PATHS. THE ONE INCLUDING THE EVENT CONTINUES TO DEVELOP IN LOST SAGA II WHILE THE OTHER GOES ON AS NORMAL!

THAT'S INTERESTING. BUT US, THE PLAYERS, WE REMEMBER EVERYTHING PERFECTLY. IRONIC IN A WAY...

TELL ME ABOUT PIRI FIRST!

AT FIRST, EVERYTHING SEEMED TO BE GOING WELL...

HEY, PIRI! IT'S REALLY NICE TO FINALLY SEE YOU AGAIN.

HUH? HELLO!

BUT WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT? WE JUST SAW EACH OTHER YESTERDAY...

WHAT YOU THINK OF AS YESTERDAY CORRESPONDS TO THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY FOR ME...

PFIOU

?

I WOULD SO HAVE LIKED IT IF YOU COULD'VE ADMIRED MY POWESS WITH MY SWORD WHILE I WAS BLIND!

SO THEN... YOUR EYES WERE CURED?

HUH?

WAIT A SECOND... DO YOU REMEMBER THE EVENT?!

UHH... WHAT EVENT?

BUT... MY YESTERDAY WAS EXACTLY THE SAME AS USUAL...

BUT HOW COULD THAT BE? IT JUST HAPPENED YESTERDAY! REMEMBER THE BATTLE FOR THE KEYS! A ROGUE ATTACKED YOU AND...

IN THAT CASE, HOW'D YOU KNOW THAT I HURT MY EYES?!

THE EVENT...

THE KEYS...

THE ROGUE...

NO...

WELL ACTUALLY...

BUT THAT'S ALL...

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SNIFF!

HUH?

E-EH? WHAT DID I SAY...?!

I'M SICK OF THIS

I DON'T WANT TO REGRET, NOR BE FORGOTTEN...

EH?

ENOUGH!!!

AND THAT WAS THE LAST TIME THAT I SAW PIRI.

HER STORE HAS BEEN CLOSED INDEFINITELY.

ITEM

I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW...

SO, PIRI KEPT SOME VAGUE MEMORIES...

IT WOULDN'T BE THE FIRST TIME...

IS THIS THE RIGHT ADDRESS?

ABSOLUTELY!

I ONLY KNOW JAEHA'S ADDRESS...

I THOUGHT ELCA LIVED IN THE SAME AREA...

BUT HOW CAN I GO ABOUT FINDING ELCA?

UNTIL NOW, EVERYTHING HAPPENED AS EXPECTED...

TOO BAD, I'LL HAVE TO CAMP IN FRONT OF JAEHA'S HOUSE...

VROUM 바당 바당 VROUM 당

THERE'S REALLY NO POINT IN WAITING FOR WUNHA'S FRIEND! HE'S IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTACT...

I JUST REMEMBERED THAT ELCA ALSO HAS A MOTORCYCLE!

ALL I HAVE TO DO IS LOOK FOR HER BIKE!

WHOA! THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN ONE IN PERSON! EVEN ITS MOTOR'S SOUND IS SPECIAL...

VROUM

VROUM

HIS FACE LOOKS FAMILIAR...

GET REAL! IT MAKES A DIFFERENT SOUND FROM THE OTHER MODELS BE-CAUSE I TUNED IT.

...

HEY!!!

?

ARE YOU THE GUY THAT BEAT TABLEN AND JIGA?!

WHERE'D HE COME FROM? WAS HE A PLAYER IN LOST SAGA?

I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO LOOK LIKE LOTTO WHEN I'M OFFLINE...

Who is Tablen?

And who is Jiga?

I'VE OFTEN WONDERED HOW YOU LOOKED, YOU AND YOUR GROUP!

WE CAN DISCUSS THINGS CALMLY, RIGHT? THERE SEEMS TO BE A MISUNDER-STANDING...

YOU THINK YOU CAN FOOL ME WITH YOUR NERDY GLASSES AND YOUR COMBED HAIR?

TAP 성큼

TAP 성큼

You're confusing me with someone else...

GLOUPS 꿀꺽

GRRR 부들

DZZZ

HE SHOULD BE EASY TO RECOGNIZE ON HIS MOTORCYCLE!

YOU THINK? THERE ARE PLENTY OF BIKERS THAT HANG AROUND THIS AREA...

HUH? A FIGHT...

IT'S DEFINITELY HIM, SEIDIUS! HE LOOKS EXACTLY THE SAME AS HE DOES ONLINE.

IT SEEMS THAT HE'S TELLING OFF A KID!

LOOK! THERE'S A THIRD GUY TRYING TO CALM THEM DOWN.

SEEMS TO BE ROW, *RIGHT?*

I'M TELLING YOU THAT THIS IS A BAD TIME...

HAS HE DONE SOMETHING TO YOU, TOO?

PEEK-A-BOO! HAS THE LITTLE BOY BEEN MAKING JOKES?

IT'S NOT A REASON TO HAVE A FIGHT IN PUBLIC!

GRR

DON'T CALL ME 'LITTLE BOY!'

A LITTLE RESPECT, PLEASE!!!

SO YOU MET EACH OTHER BY ACCIDENT?

WELL WELL... WHAT A SMALL WORLD!

SLURP

ISN'T IT? I DIDN'T THINK THAT I'D HAVE TROUBLE RECOGNIZING YOU TOO...

WELL, IT'S TRUE THAT WE DON'T DRESS THE SAME WAY IN REAL LIFE...

I FIND YOU VERY PRETTY...

MEHHH, THEIR DISGUISES CONSISTED OF A CAP AND BLACK SUNGLASSES!

HOW DID YOU MEET THESE GIRLS? I'VE NEVER SEEN THEM AMONG THE LOST SAGA USERS...

WELL, IT'S ACTUALLY QUITE RECENT! WE DID A DUNGEON TOGETHER.

PSS

BUT TELL ME... WHAT BROUGHT YOU HERE IF YOU'RE NOT WITH SEIDIUS?

AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHY DID LOTTO HAVE A FIGHT WITH HIM?

YOU KNOW HOW HE IS! HE SPENDS HIS WHOLE LIFE SWINDLING PEOPLE.

THE TROUBLE IS, HE DOESN'T EVEN REMEMBER DOING SO AFTERWARDS!

WHAT?!

HA HA HA

IF THESE GIRLS LIVE IN THIS AREA, THEY MIGHT HAVE ALREADY COME ACROSS ELCA. AND IF I ASK THEM ABOUT IT?

WELL, LET'S GET BACK ON TOPIC! WHY DID YOU WANT TO SEE ME?

...

WE NEEDED A NEUTRAL OPINION.

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THE PERSON ON THIS CD COVER?

I NEED TO BE SURE THAT I'M NOT WRONG...

TAC

IT'S A REALLY INTERESTING STORY.

COULD SOMETHING LIKE THIS REALLY HAPPEN?

THERE HAVE DEFINITELY BEEN ATTEMPTS!

THE GAME DEVELOPERS TRIED TO REPRODUCE A THOUGHT CIRCUIT IDENTICAL TO HUMANS TO PUT IN THEIR AI'S.

BUT THE PROJECT IS STILL IN EXPERIMENTAL STAGES AND THERE HAVEN'T BEEN ANY STUDIES PUBLISHED AS OF NOW.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE'S ANOTHER THEORY ABOUT THE EVOLUTION OF THIS RESEARCH...

...

IT SEEMS THAT EXPERIMENTS HAVE BEEN LED TO TRY AND VIRTUALLY REVIVE INDIVIDUALS IN VEGETATIVE STATES OR WHO ARE BRAIN DEAD.

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A VEGETATIVE STATE... THE HUMAN CLONE...

I'M STARTING TO UNDERSTAND...

I'M NOT REALLY
ME... SO WHO AM I?

IS SHE ONE
OF THEM?!

YUREKA SCANS

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WHEN IT'S AVAILABLE IN YOUR REGION!

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The Doppelganger

HOW YOU MUST BE SUFFERING!

HUH?

ARE YOU TALKING TO ME?

OF COURSE! I NOTICED THAT YOU WERE SERIOUSLY HURT...

OH THAT'S NOTHING! I WAS A LITTLE SCRATCHED DURING ONE PART OF THE HUNT...

I HAVE TO BE CAREFUL! NO ONE CAN FIND OUT THAT I'M SECRETLY TRAINING!

SO YOU HAVE AN ITEM SHOP? DO YOU ALSO SELL MEDICINES?

PUIT

YES! OF COURSE!

I RECEIVED SOME NEW MEDICINAL HERBS THAT ARE PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVE AGAINST WOUNDS!

THE HEALING POTIONS WILL BE LESS EXPENSIVE IF YOU PURCHASE THE PACKAGE OF THREE!

I ALSO HAVE SOME BANDAGES THAT LET YOU TAKE CARE OF YOUR WOUNDS DURING BATTLES.

SEEING THE THINGS SHE OFFERED, HER CUSTOMERS ARE INSIGNIFICANT NEWBIES...

HI

AHEM

HI

IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN A STORE THAT HAD PROMOTIONS! WHAT IS THIS, AN EVENT?

...

YOU'RE BEING FAMILIAR WITH ME EVEN THOUGH WE DON'T EVEN KNOW EACH OTHER! I DON'T THINK THAT'S VERY POLITE!

OH REALLY? BUT THE OTHER NPCS NEVER HAD A PROBLEM WITH THAT!

MAYBE, BUT IT UPSETS ME!

HAVEN'T YOU EVER HEARD THAT THE CUSTOMER IS ALWAYS RIGHT? AS A PLAYER AND A CUSTOMER, I HAVE EVERY RIGHT!

SO THAT'S WHAT YOU REALLY THINK?

Yep!

HA HA HA
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WELL THEN, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS FIND SOME OTHER STORE!

BLAM

WELL WELL! THAT LADY SURE HAS SOME PERSONALITY.

I THOUGHT NPCS WERE ALL COMPLETE BORES!

HOW ANNOYING! I NEED 100 MEDICINAL HERBS.

...!

HEY, HOW MUCH WERE YOU SELLING YOURS AT?

...

STOP ASKING! I ALREADY SAID NO!

IF I BUY THE MEDICINAL PLANTS IN LARGE AMOUNTS, CAN I HAVE A PRICE LIKE THOSE OF THE HEALING POTIONS?

...

I WILL NOT MAKE ANY REDUCTIONS FOR YOU.

TOO BAD! I WAS READY TO TAKE 500 BOTTLES IN EXCHANGE FOR A SMALL DISCOUNT...

BLAM

I'LL GIVE YOU FIVE EXTRA AS A GIFT!

HEY! HEY! THE REACTION OF THIS NPC IS REALLY INTERESTING!

SHE COULD EVEN BE IN A ROMANTIC SIMULATION GAME!

AT THE TIME, I THOUGHT I WAS JUST DEALING WITH A PARTICULARLY ECCENTRIC NPC...

HMM 진지

HA HA! I'LL MAKE A NOTE OF THAT.

NEXT TIME, TRY TO BE A LITTLE MORE POLITE, OKAY?

IN REALITY, IT'S HER HUMAN PART THAT MADE HER SO SENSITIVE!

IN THAT CASE, WHAT ABOUT IJOYEN AND BAN?

THEIR CHARACTERS WERE ALSO INSPIRED BY REAL PEOPLE... YOU CAN'T REALLY CONSIDER THEM REAL AI'S...

EVERY TIME, I'VE BEEN SURPRISED BY THEIR STRONG PERSONALITIES...

JUST LIKE PIRI, THEY WERE NOTHING LIKE ORDINARY NPCS.

THE CREATORS OF GAMES TRIED TO REPRODUCE A THOUGHT CIRCUIT IDENTICAL TO HUMANS TO PUT IN THEIR AIS.

IT SEEMS THAT EXPERIMENTS HAVE BEEN LED TO TRY TO VIRTUALLY REVIVE INDIVIDUALS IN VEGETATIVE STATES OR WHO ARE BRAIN DEAD.

IT'S ACTUALLY GONE A LOT FURTHER...

I KNOW OF ONE CASE THAT WAS LABELED A SUICIDE...

...BY BOTH METHODS!

SO, WHAT DOES THAT REALLY TELL US?

BUT STRANGELY ENOUGH, NOTHING ELSE WAS ABOUT THE...

AND IF THE BUSINESS ITSELF IMPOSED THE SILENCE?

THIS BUSINESS GOES BEYOND THE CLONING OF CELEBRITIES' BODIES. IT'S NOT ONLY CREATING CLONES THAT HAVE THE SAME PHYSICAL APPEARANCE OF THE INDIVIDUAL, BUT ALSO THE PERSONALITY! THE USE OF THOSE IN COMAS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES WOULD BE A SERIOUS INFRINGEMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS, WHICH IS WHERE THE FEAR OF SCANDAL COMES FROM...

SO WAS PIRI IN A COMA AT THAT TIME, OR IS THIS JUST A CASE OF PERSONALITY DUPLICATION?

UNLESS SHE'S A COMBINATION OF THE TWO TECHNIQUES?

LOOK! THAT'S NOT THE QUESTION!

SCRITCH

WE'RE CONFRONTED BY A VIRTUAL DEATH... WHICH SEEMS COMPLETELY CRAZY...

WHAT A TERRIBLE MESS! I'M REALLY OUTRAGED!!!

WHATEVER THEIR SOUGHT-AFTER GOAL IS, WHAT THEY'VE DONE IS UNFORGIVABLE!

SOME DEFENSELESS VICTIMS HAD THEIR PERSONALITIES STOLEN!!!

YES BUT...

WHAT CAN I ACTUALLY DO?

I'M JUST AN ORDINARY HIGH SCHOOL KID AND MY OPTIONS ARE LIMITED.

THERE'S NOTHING I CAN REALLY DO AGAINST THESE BIG SOCIETIES...

SURE, MY FRIENDS PROMISED TO DO ALL THEY COULD TO FIND INFORMATION. THERE ISN'T MUCH LEFT ASIDE FROM SIMPLE PARTICULARS AND I DON'T SEE HOW MUCH MORE THEY CAN DO THAN ME...

I CAN'T JUST IGNORE THIS...

I REFUSE TO LET THERE BE OTHER VICTIMS LIKE PIRI...

WELL, THE SINGER MUST HAVE MET WITH THE SAME FATE. WHAT WAS HIS NAME AGAIN?

WAIT A MINUTE!

TILT

HOW STUPID! THEY AREN'T THE ONLY VICTIMS!

OF COURSE THERE ARE OTHERS!

TIP

TIP

I THINK I READ SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

I DIDN'T REALLY PAY ATTENTION AT THE TIME...

WHAT WAS IT AGAIN?

OH RIGHT.

THE DOPPEL-GANGER!

THIS IS REALLY THE FIRST TIME THAT YOU'VE EVER DEIGNED TO RESPOND TO MY CALLS!

I'VE HAD LOTS OF FREE TIME EVER SINCE I CLOSED SHOP!

WELL...

...LET'S JUST SAY THAT I HAD NOTHING BETTER TO DO.

AND I'M NO GOOD AT FINDING WORK TO DO...

AT THE RISK OF REPEATING MYSELF, NOTHING MADE YOU STOP YOUR BUSINESS!

ALL THE MORE BECAUSE THE JOB IS SET UP SO THAT EVERYTHING IS TAKEN CARE OF...

THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.

YOU KNOW, I COULD HELP YOU FIND WORK!

NO THANK YOU!

I INTEND TO TAKE IT EASY WHILE WAITING TO FIND A HUSBAND.

HUH?

DID THAT SHOCK YOU?

YOU HAVE QUITE A SENSE OF HUMOR...

WHAT A CHARMING IMAGE...

MY BANK ACCOUNT IS ALMOST DRY!

THAT'S WHY I'M WAITING FOR A PRINCE CHARMING TO COME SAVE ME.

FOR YOU, IT'D JUST BE POCKET CHANGE!

HA HA! IN THAT CASE, I'D VOLUNTEER!

MY ANNUAL SALARY IS RATHER HIGH.

...!

HOW DID YOU KNOW?

DO YOU TAKE ME FOR AN IDIOT?

YOU'RE WAY TOO INFLUENTIAL FOR A SIMPLE SALARY!

I GUESS THERE'S NO POINT IN DENYING IT!

WELL, WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU KNOW?

ALMOST EVERY-THING, INCLUDING WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO KEEP TO YOURSELF...

COME NOW; I KNOW HOW TO HOLD MY TONGUE.

AT LEAST THAT WILL SAVE ME THE TROUBLE OF A LONG EXPLANATION!

YOU'LL BE LEFT WITH ENOUGH FOR A GOOD RESTAU-RANT MEAL EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE...

I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK...

IF IT'S FOR WORK, MY ANSWER IS NO!

I WOULD LIKE YOU TO GIVE ME JAEHA'S HARD DISK.

IN EXCHANGE, YOU'LL RECEIVE ENOUGH MONEY TO SUPPORT YOU FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!

AND IF I DECLINE?

HELP ME OUT HERE! I'M DOING MY BEST TO HOLD GENTLEMANLY NEGOTIATIONS.

Ha ha ha!

FSHHH

NO BUT WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

WE OBVIOUSLY DON'T HAVE THE SAME VALUES. WOULD YOU BELIEVE THAT I HAVE MORALS!

DID YOU REALLY THINK I'D GIVE UP MY PARTNER'S INFORMATION?

YOU'RE NOT MAKING MY JOB EASIER...

WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?

I'D HOPED IT WOULDN'T COME TO THIS.

IT SEEMS THAT YOU'RE ONLY ONE OF THE THREE BEST FOR THIS JOB.

WHAT THAT MEANS IS THAT THERE ARE TWO OTHER PROS JUST AS STRONG AS YOU!

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

ONE OF OUR BASIC TENETS IS NOT TO TURN AGAINST EACH OTHER!

AND WHOSE FAULT IS THAT? YOU'RE THE ONE WHO BROKE THE RULE FIRST.

NORMALLY, WE PREFER TO STAY OUT OF INTERNAL PROBLEMS IN ANOTHER GROUP...

BUT WE KNOW YOU BETRAYED YOUR PARTNER!

WHAT?! YOU'RE A PART OF THIS, TOO? BUT SINCE WHEN?

WHY DOES IT MATTER? IT WAS BY PURE CHANCE THAT YOU BECAME A REGULAR AT THIS BAR...

YOU BROKE A SACRED LAW BY HURTING ONE OF US. IF THE SITUATION GETS WORSE, WE RISK HAVING A WAR BETWEEN CLANS ON OUR HANDS!

CLING

BUT EVERYTHING WILL SETTLE DOWN IF WE TREAT THIS AFFAIR AS AN EXCEPTION!

WHAT, AN EXCEPTION? DOES THAT MEAN... THE ENTIRE OCCUPATION IS UNDER THEIR CONTROL!

I KNEW THEY WERE EXTREMELY POWERFUL, BUT I'D NEVER HAVE IMAGINED...

WHATEVER YOUR DECISION, THE RESULT WILL BE THE SAME.

IN YOUR PLACE, I'D DO MY BEST TO LIMIT THE DAMAGE!

SHALL I BRING YOU ANOTHER GLASS?

THE SAME FOR ME!

HE SEEMS SO SURE OF HIMSELF...

...NTLESS ...K FOR ANY ...E TO THINK ... IT!

WHAT'S THE USE OF DISCUSSING? YOU'RE NOT REALLY GIVING ME A CHOICE.

DON'T TAKE IT BADLY! IT'S NOT EASY FOR ME EITHER.

IF YOU WERE TO DIE, NOTHING WOULD FORCE ME TO KEEP MY WORD, *RIGHT?*

Bone

WHY DO YOU INSIST?
THIS ISN'T GETTING YOU ANYWHERE.
YOU'RE DOING FINE, OLD FRIEND.
THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO CHANCE OF YOU ESCAPING.

LET HER TRY HER LUCK.

I WOULDN'T WANT TO RETURN EMPTY-HANDED!

SO THAT'S IT? NOTHING ELSE TO ADD?

IT'S FOOLISH.

YOU'LL BITE THE DUST...

HOW PATHETIC!

TZHHH

WHAT?! SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED IN THE SAFETY ZONE...

IT'S NOT A GOOD SIGN AT ALL!

TAP

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TAP

RRRRR

RRRRR

WHO WOULD CALL AT THIS HOUR?

WHO IS THIS? JANG-GUN?

OH RIGHT, THAT LITTLE KID FROM THE OTHER DAY...

HELLO?

EXCUSE ME FOR CALLING AT SUCH A LATE HOUR, BUT CAN WE TALK?

YEAH, I WAS JUST TAKING A BREAK.

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I SEE... UH HUH... SO?

TILT

HUH?

I SEARCHED ALL OVER THE INTERNET, BUT I DIDN'T FIND A THING!

IT'S AS IF THEY CAREFULLY DELETED EVERY SITE REFERRING TO THE SUBJECT...

ARE YOU REFERRING TO DOPPELGANGERS?

BULLSEYE.

THAT'S FUNNY! I WAS ALSO TRYING TO DO SOME RESEARCH ON THAT STORY.

SOME PEOPLE HAVE MENTIONED THE EXISTENCE OF NPCS THAT LOOKED AND ACTED EXACTLY LIKE REAL PEOPLE...

TIP

THEY WEREN'T REALLY TAKEN SERIOUSLY AT THAT TIME.

BUT I THINK THERE DEFINITELY HAS TO BE A REPORT THAT WE'LL BE INTERESTED IN!

AND AS YOU SAID, EVERY SITE THAT MIGHT HAVE DISCUSSED IT HAS BEEN DELETED!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT ALL THE DOPPELGANGERS HAVE IN COMMON?

WELL, THEY ALL LOOK LIKE PEOPLE WHO ARE EITHER DEAD, IN A VEGETATIVE STATE, OR DECLARED BRAIN DEAD!

AND THEREFORE, JAEHA'S CASE WAS NOT ISOLATED!

LUCKILY, I KEPT A CLIPPING...

SHOULD I SEND IT TO YOU BY MAIL?

WHEN THE VICTIMS OF THESE ACCIDENTS MIRACULOUSLY SURVIVE...

...OUR ORGANIZATION TAKES CHARGE OF THEM FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH.

LIARS! IT'S NOT TO TAKE CARE OF THEM, BUT TO MAKE THEM INTO NPCS...

SO THAT'S HOW PIRI AND THE SINGER FELL INTO THEIR HANDS!!!

HEY!

STILL THERE?

YEAH, SORRY...

I WAS A LITTLE DISTRACTED...

I HAVE A QUESTION TO ASK YOU TOO.

I NEED YOU TO RESPOND HONESTLY!

I'M STARTING TO REMEMBER! I KNOW WHERE I'VE SEEN JIN-WOO...

HE FOUGHT AGAINST JAEHA WHILE SHE WAS A KILLER!

ARE YOU ALSO PART OF THE BUSINESS?

I CAN'T CLAIM OTHERWISE...

WHO KNOWS... IT MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THIS MATTER AS WELL!

WHAT DO YOU ACTUALLY KNOW? ARE THERE OTHER PEOPLE WHO KNOW ABOUT THIS?

CALM DOWN! I HAVEN'T SAID ANYTHING TO ANYONE!

I'VE NEVER NEEDED ALLIES MORE THAN I DO NOW.

BASED ON WHAT LITTLE I KNOW, JIN-WOO SEEMS TRUSTWORTHY.

IT'S A LONG STORY...

LET'S JUST SAY I BECAME MIXED UP IN THIS STORY PERSONALLY...

I HAVE TO RISK EVERYTHING.

I REFUSE TO GIVE UP WITHOUT A FIGHT!

I SEE...

YOU HAVEN'T REALLY BEEN LUCKY.

BEEP--

DO YOU HAVE ANOTHER CALL?

OOPS, EXCUSE ME...

WHO COULD IT BE?

STAY ON THE LINE! THIS'LL JUST TAKE A SECOND.

I DON'T KNOW THIS NUMBER! MAYBE IT'S SPAM...

YES?

HELP ME...
PLEASE...

WHAT HAPPENED? HOW DID YOU GET MY PHONE NUMBER?

SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED TO SEOL-HEE...

HUH? WHO IS SEOL-HEE?

I'M TALKING ABOUT ELCA!!!

SHE MIGHT BE DEAD!!!

WHAT?!

GOOD GOD, EXPLAIN!!

ALL I DID WAS FOLLOW HER IN-STRUCTIONS...

I'M PRETTY SCARED...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'LL HAPPEN...

WHERE ARE YOU? I'LL GET THERE RIGHT AWAY...

01:45

SHOOT! THERE WON'T BE ANY MORE PUBLIC TRANSPOR-TATION AT THIS TIME...

MAKE SURE NOT TO MOVE!

HUH?

YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON TO EVER SIT ON THE BACK OF MY BIKE! IT'S WORRISOME.

I'M DOING YOU A BIG FAVOR HERE! ARE YOU AT LEAST AWARE OF THAT?

VRRR

VROUM

SNIF

VROUM

WHERE IS SHE?! I DON'T SEE ANYONE!

SHE CAN'T BE FAR!

I'M HERE, JANG-GUN...

BUT... WHO IS THIS MISTER?

YOU MADE A BIG FUSS JUST SO YOU COULD MEET UP WITH YOUR GIRLFRIEND?

NO! ARE YOU CRAZY?!

GRR

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HIM. WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED TO ELCA!

UH OKAY...

... SHE DECIDED TO LEAVE THE BUSINESS FOREVER...

BUT THE PEOPLE WHO SHE WORKED WITH DIDN'T LIKE THAT. I'M SURE THEY WERE THE ONES WHO HURT HER...

SNIF

YOU'RE AWFULLY WELL INFORMED!

BUT I STILL DON'T SEE HOW I CAN HELP!

I CONTACTED YOU AT SEOL-HEE'S REQUEST...

BUT HERE, I'M COMPLETELY LOST...

FINE, TELL ME EVERYTHING FROM THE BEGINNING.

WHAT DID ELCA ASK YOU TO DO?

...

SHE TOLD ME TO GIVE THIS TO YOU!

BUT...

... WHAT IS IT?

IF IT ONLY HAD TO DO WITH ME, I'D AVOID GIVING YOU THIS OBJECT.

BUT I GUESS SHE PROBABLY KNEW WHAT SHE WAS DOING...

IT IS JAEHA'S HARD DISK!

WHAT?!

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Chapter 1:
The Exploitation of the System

CAN I SPEND THE NIGHT AT A FRIEND'S HOUSE?

YES, I KNOW HIM WELL... HE HAS AN APARTMENT IN THIS CITY...

GOT IT...

I'LL CALL YOU BACK FIRST THING IN THE MORNING. OK...

NICE! IT WENT VERY SMOOTHLY.

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GOOD THING IT'S THE WEEKEND AND THERE ARE NO CLASSES TO-MORROW!

I TOLD YOU NO!!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

TALK TO HER.

SHE WON'T LET ME EXAMINE THE HARD DRIVE!

HAN

HAN

THIS HARD DRIVE CONTAINS ALL OF JAEHA'S PRIVATE LIFE!!

I DON'T REALLY TRUST YOU EITHER JANG-GUN!

IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT IT WAS ELCA'S WILL...

SHE TOLD YOU TO GIVE IT TO ME, *YES OR NO?*

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE BOTHERED TO COME IF YOU DIDN'T TRUST ME!

ELCA WANTED ME TO SEE THE CONTENTS OF THE HARD DRIVE!

OK, BUT IT STILL BOTHERS ME THAT YOUR FRIEND IS HERE...

JIN-WOO IS MY BIGGEST ALLY AND I HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE FROM HIM!

THE HARD DRIVE WAS GIVEN TO ME. SO I CAN DO WHAT I WANT WITH IT!

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I'M TRULY HONORED! BUT DON'T YOU THINK I HAVE MY WORD TO SAY?

I DON'T REMEMBER TELLING YOU THAT I WAS GOING TO HELP!

YOU CAN'T LEAVE ME NOW! I KNOW IT GOES AGAINST WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN!

TAP

TAP

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT? OK, I'M IN!

HAND IT OVER!

...

I STILL BELIEVE IT'S A MISTAKE TO GIVE IT TO YOU...

SO YOU STAYED IN TOUCH WITH ELCA... OR SHOULD I SAY SEOL-HEE!

YOU SEEM TO FEAR FOR HER LIFE...

CAN I KNOW WHY?

WELL... I BECAME HER ASSISTANT WHEN SHE STOPPED BEING IN THE BUSINESS.

SOMETIMES SHE CONTINUED PLAYING AS AN HUNTER AND I GAVE HER A HAND...

BUT SINCE I DIDN'T FULLY TRUST HER, I GREW THE HABIT OF FOLLOWING HER.

SHE WAS SERIOUS! EVERYONE KNOWS HOW HARD IT IS TO QUIT THE BUSINESS...

THE FACT THAT SHE LIMITS HERSELF TO BEING AN HUNTER IS PROOF OF HER GOOD WILL!

THIS TIME AGAIN, I WAS FOLLOWING HER WHEN IT HAPPENED...

THE APPEARANCE OF THE SAFETY ZONE COULD ONLY MEAN ONE THING; THAT SHE GOT BACK INTO THE BUSINESS!

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WHERE IS SHE? I CAN'T SEE HER...

I HOPE SHE DIDN'T ACCEPT TO BE A KILLER AGAIN!

THERE'S A WALL! IT MUST BE THERE!

THERE'S AN INTRUDER! SOMEONE WAS ABLE TO GO THROUGH THE SAFETY ZONE.
GNNNN...

MAYBE IT'S AN ASSOCIATE OF HERS!

...

CAPTURE HIM, WE COULD USE HIM AS A HOSTAGE!

OH NO, MIRENNE! YOU DIDN'T DO THAT...

IT'S ALL GOOD. I WAS JUST GET-TING BORED!

I'M INSIDE THE SAFETY ZONE! WHAT DO I DO NOW?

I CAN'T SEE MYSELF PASSING TROUGH THE WALL WITHOUT ANY PRE-PARATION...

DZZ

HIRK

...!!

SEOL-HEE?!

I SHOULD BE FURIOUS AT MIRENNE...

BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, I'M HAPPY SHE'S HERE!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

TAC

HUH?

TAC

ARMS CAME OUT OF THE WALLS!!

YOU'RE ONLY A BEGINNER!

TOO BAD! I WON'T BE ABLE TO FULLY DISPLAY MY CAPACITIES!

ON THE CEILING TOO?

SEOL-HEE GOT ATTACKED BY OTHER KILLERS! BUT WHY?!

DON'T BE SO SCARED! NOTHING BAD WILL HAPPEN TO YOU IF YOU COOPERATE.

ZAP

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THAT?

HUH?!

FLIP

BING

OK

TAP

YOU TINY BITCH!!

SORRY, BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY TIME TO PLAY WITH YOU!

YOU LITTLE RAT!

DON'T THINK YOU CAN GET AWAY FROM ME!!

TAP

FLUSH

TAP

TAP

TAP

IT'S TOO LATE. THE INTRUDER GOT OUT OF THE SAFETY ZONE.

IT'S OUR FAULT. WE WEREN'T VIGILANT ENOUGH!

THOSE TWO PROBABLY COMMUNICATE THROUGH SYNCHRO.

ELCA TOOK COMMAND OF THE KID'S BODY SO SHE COULD EVADE!

SHE MAY HAVE EVEN GIVEN HER SOME INFORMATION.

SO OUR MISSION WAS A FAILURE!

MAYBE, BUT THERE'S STILL HOPE.

KNOWING WE HAVE ELCA, THE INTRUDER WILL TRY TO COME IN CONTACT WITH US. SHE'S HER PARTNER AFTER ALL!

YOU WANT TO USE ELCA AS A BRIBING FEE?

WE COULD HAVE DONE THE SAME THING WITH JAEHA...

NOT EXACTLY, LET'S NOT FORGET THAT JAEHA IS A PROTOTYPE OF THE BEST QUALITY!

OUR ENEMIES KNOW VERY WELL WE WON'T YIELD HER.

WHAT IF ELCA GAVE THE ORDER TO DESTROY THE DATA?

I DON'T THINK SHE WOULD DARE TO GO THAT FAR!

THE KID GAVE ME THE IMPRESSION OF AN ASSISTANT. EVEN IF SHE'S INDEPENDENT...

... SHE'LL THINK TWICE BEFORE DOING SOMETHING THAT COULD BE HARMFUL TO ELCA!

I THINK SHE'LL DO HER LITTLE INVESTIGATION BEFORE CONTACTING US.

BUT THIS KIND OF INCIDENT MUST NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN!

I'LL ENSURE THAT, *SIR.*

I'LL GO BACK TO ELCA'S CIRCUIT TO TRY AND TRACE HER.

GO FOR IT, BUT I'M TELLING YOU IT WON'T BE EASY!

WHEN SEOL-HEE TOOK CONTROL OF MY BODY...

... SHE ASKED ME TO GIVE YOU JAEHA'S HARD DRIVE.

Colem

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I SEE... SINCE THE START, THEY'RE AFTER JAEHA'S DATA...

BUT THE REAL QUESTION IS WHY PROFESSIONAL KILLERS WANT TO GET THEIR HANDS ON IT...

OF COURSE! THEY'RE ACTING ON SOMEONE'S ORDERS...

WHAT COULD IT CONTAIN THAT IS SO IMPORTANT? JAEHA WAS CERTAINLY A GENIUS PROGRAMMER BUT IT DOESN'T EXPLAIN EVERYTHING...

THERE'S YUREKA...

THE BEST AI THERE IS!!

IT'S THAT TECHNOLOGY THEY'RE INTERESTED IN!

THE PERIOD WHERE BAN WENT INTO ACTION IS PROOF THAT THE PERFECTION WAS STILL RECENT!

AND SO COMES THE NEED FOR TESTS... WITH THOSE NEEDS, JAEHA'S DATA IS TRULY A GOLD MINE!!

SAY, JIN-WOO! BY ANY CHANCE...

FLUSH

YES. AS YOU HAVE GUESSED.

I WAS LOOKING AT WHAT WAS INSIDE THE DISK WHEN I FOUND THIS.

SUCH A TECHNOLOGY FUELS THE DESIRE OF PEOPLE IN THIS VOCATION.

IT'S A SYSTEM THAT ALLOWS THE CLONING OF PERSONALITIES BY SCANNING THE PSYCHE...

IS IT SO THAT ANYONE CAN USE IT?

THE SYSTEM REQUIRES SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT BUT... IT'S NOT SO HARD TO RECONFIGURE EXISTING MATERIAL TO EXPLOIT IT!

I CAN'T BELIEVE A SINGLE PERSON WAS ABLE TO INVENT SUCH A THING...

WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT DUPLICATION OF PERSONALITIES...

... ARE YOU REFERRING TO YUREKA?

THAT'S RIGHT.

THERE'S SOMETHING I DON'T GET...

... WHY YOU, JANG-GUN?

IT WAS NO COINCIDENCE THAT ELCA CHOSE YOU.

SHE MUST HAVE HAD AN IDEA WHEN SHE MADE HER DECISION, *RIGHT?*

ONLINE VIDEO-GAME SOCIETIES HAVE INVESTED A LOT IN THIS KIND OF TECHNOLOGY. THE CONTENT OF THE HARD DRIVE WOULD BE A GREAT HELP IN THEIR RESEARCH!

THE FACT THAT SHE DIDN'T GIVE IT TO THEM MAKES SENSE! ***BUT WHY WOULD SHE GIVE IT TO YOU?***

SHE DIDN'T GIVE ME THE DISC SO THAT I COULD PROTECT IT AGAINST MALICIOUS PEOPLE! I'M NOT THE PERSON BEST SUITED FOR SUCH A TASK ...

IF HER INTENTION WAS TO DESTROY THE DATA, SHE COULD HAVE ASKED MIRENNE.

DID SHE GIVE YOU A MESSAGE FOR ME?

NO... NOTHING IN PARTICULAR...

IF ELCA DIDN'T LEAVE ANY INSTRUCTIONS, IT HAS TO BE THAT SHE WAS EXPECTING MY REACTION!

OF COURSE!

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WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?

COULD YOU ADJUST YOUR COMPUTER SO IT WORKS WITH THE SYSTEM?

WHAT? YES, PROBABLY... BUT WHAT ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO DO WITH THAT?

THE QUESTION ISN'T WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO DO...

... BUT WHAT IT'S ABLE TO DO! *AND THERE'S ONLY ONE ANSWER!*

WHAT?! ARE YOU CRAZY?!! YOU DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT!

I CAN DO WHATEVER I WANT WITH IT NOW THAT IT'S MINE!

SHE DIDN'T GIVE YOU THE HARD-DRIVE SO YOU COULD PLAY AROUND!

YOU DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT WHAT COULD HAPPEN TO SEOL-HEE!

WELL, IT'S EXACTLY THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT FORCE ME TO ACT THIS WAY!

EVEN IN THESE CIRCUM-STANCES, YOU ONLY THINK OF YOURSELF!

HOW'S THAT?

IT IS USELESS TO WAIT AND TWIDDLE ONE'S THUMBS!

ELCA GOT ATTACKED BECAUSE OF THIS DATA! AND I SUSPECT THE ASSAILANT IS KEEPING HER AS A HOSTAGE TO TRADE FOR IT.

THE PROBLEM IS WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THEM! WHO ARE THEY? WHAT'S THEIR GOAL? WE CAN'T JUST WAIT FOR THEM TO MAKE THE FIRST MOVE.

THE WORST IS THAT THEY COULD FIND US BEFORE WE'RE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING.

EXACTLY. WE'RE FACING PROGRAMMERS OF HIGH CALIBER...

YOU WANT TO FORCE THEM TO REACT, RIGHT?

YES, WE'RE GOING TO OUTDO THEM!

IT'S TOO DANGEROUS! AND WHAT IF IT JUST MAKES THINGS WORSE?

THOSE WHO RISK NOTHING, GAIN NOTHING!

I TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY! IF YOU'RE NOT HAPPY, YOU'RE ALLOWED TO LEAVE!

FOR ONCE, I'M IN POSITION OF POWER; I MUST TAKE THE ADVANTAGE!

HEY, JIN-WOO! HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE YOU TO GET EVERYTHING READY?

THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM! THAT STUFF IS FREAKING COSTLY!

HMM...

WHERE AM I?

YOU ALREADY WOKE UP? LOOKS LIKE WE CAN SKIP THE KISS OF PRINCE CHARMING.

HOW DO YOU FEEL? I BET IT'S A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE!

IT'S NOT SO BAD. I FEEL LIKE I SLEPT AN ETERNITY...

THIS IS NOT A HOSPITAL ROOM! I MUST BE IN THE PREMISES OF THE ORGANIZA-

HERE YOU'LL HAVE THE TIME YOU NEED TO THINK CALMLY!

BUT DON'T ABUSE OUR HOSPITALITY!

I APOLOGISE FOR HAVING TO THREATEN YOU THIS WAY, BUT THINGS WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT IF YOU HAD BEEN MORE COOPERATIVE...

WHOSE FAULT IS THAT? YOU DIDN'T EVEN GIVE ME THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT YOUR PROPOSITION.

WHAT'S THE POINT? THE DECISION IS NO LONGER MINE.

YOU MEAN YOU ACCEPT? THAT MAKES ME SO RELIEVED...

OF COURSE NOT! WHAT I MEAN IS THAT THIS OBJECT ISN'T IN MY POSSESSION ANY-MORE.

OH NO!

... DON'T TELL ME YOU DESTROYED IT?

EVEN IF I TOLD YOU YES, YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME BEFORE CHECKING IT YOURSELF!

I'M GLAD I GAVE THE HARD DRIVE TO SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T GIVE A SHIT ABOUT ME...

AWW, C'MON. WHAT WERE YOU THINKING? IT'S LIKE YOU'RE HAVING FUN MAKING THIS MORE COMPLI-CATED!

IT WAS A WEIGHT I COULDN'T LIFT ANYMORE.

BBH FRT

CAN I SEE HER NOW THAT I'M HERE?

WHO?

DON'T ACT DUMB, YOU KNOW WHO I'M TALKING ABOUT! IS SHE TREATED WELL AT LEAST?

AH, YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT YOUR OLD PARTNER?

YOU CARE ABOUT HER A LOT IT SEEMS, MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE TAKEN HER AS THE HOSTAGE!

THAT KIND OF BLACKMAIL WOULD NEVER HAVE WORKED ON ME!

EXACTLY! AND ANYWAY, IT'S A RISK I COULDN'T HAVE TAKEN!

BECAUSE MY OBJECTIVE HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO GET MY HANDS ON THAT DATA.

HER ROOM IS RIGHT NEXT TO YOURS. I'LL KEEP YOU INFORMED... WE NEED TO HAVE A DISCUSSION ABOUT HER ANYWAY...

AND IN CASE YOU ARE GETTING THE WRONG IDEA...

... THE EXPERIMENTS WERE A SUCCESS; THE LAB IS CONDUCTING THE TESTS.

YOUR FRIEND ISN'T THE ONLY ONE WITH THE SYSTEM!

WHAT?

THEN WHY ARE YOU GOING THROUGH ALL THIS TROUBLE?

LET'S JUST SAY HER KNOWLEDGE WOULD ALLOW US TO RECTIFY THE FINAL ISSUES...

CLIC

WE ARE IN A RACE AGAINST TIME. YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOW MORE THAN THAT FOR NOW...

BLAM

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RIGHT! YOU JUST WANT THE EXCLUSIVITY ...

PFIOU

tlot

THIS WAS A FAILURE! THAT STUBBORN WOMAN DIDN'T LEAK ANY INFORMATION...

HUH..?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE...

MISTER KIM?

I CAME FOR FRESH INFORMATION. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING?

DON'T BE IN SUCH A RUSH! WE STILL HAVE TIME.

DON'T WORRY! I HAVE THE SITUATION UNDER CONTROL.

BUT BE CAREFUL...

YOU KNOW THAT EVERY MINUTE MATTERS!

I'LL REMIND YOU THAT YOU'RE IN NO POSITION TO GIVE ME ORDERS!

GNN...

NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE RELATED TO *ME, GOT IT?*

OUR COMPANIES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE ENEMIES.

LET'S TRY NOT TO BE SEEN TOGETHER!

BRR

WHO DOES THAT KIDDO THINK HE IS? HE'LL REGRET IT ONE OF THESE DAYS...

ONE LAST THING!

Yes?

HIRK

I'M DOING TOO MUCH OVERTIME WITHOUT EVEN BEING PAID!

COULD YOU INTERCEDE ON MY BEHALF?

I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO...

SINCE WE'RE AT IT, I ALSO NEED VACATIONS...

NOW, YOU'RE JUST DREAMING!

SCRR

SCHHH

PLOUF

PLOUF

IT'S SO RAINY LATELY.

SCHH

THE UMBRELLA IS USELESS AND I DON'T LIVE NEAR HERE...

EVERYONE AT HOME THINKS I'M SPENDING MY TIME AT THE LIBRARY, I'LL HAVE TO FIND SOME OTHER EXCUSE SOON!

I HAVE TO GET GOING.

THE PREPARA-TIONS TOOK TOO MUCH TIME!

DING DONG

IT MUST BE JANG-GUN!

GO LET HIM IN.

YOU ACTUALLY BROUGHT ICE CREAM?

I DON'T GET HOW YOU CAN EAT ICE CREAM IN THIS WEATHER...

TIP TIP TIP TIP

HEY, JIN-WOO! YOU THINK WE CAN TEST THE SYSTEM TODAY?

Aww! He didn't take the vanilla flavour

YES.

YOU RUSHED ME SO MUCH THAT I FINISHED IT YESTERDAY!

Where's my energy drink?

POF

AWESOME! YOU SURE ARE FAST!

WE'VE BEEN WAITING LONG ENOUGH.

HOW DO YOU WANT TO CALL IT?

CLIC

HUH?

WELL YEAH! WE NEED TO GIVE IT A NAME.

AH YES!

NO WORRIES! I ALREADY THOUGHT ABOUT THAT.

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WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?

HAVE A BIT OF PATIENCE! THE INSTALLATION IS ALMOST COMPLETE.

TIP TIP TIP

YOU HAVE A NEW ID CARD ON YOU?

NO NEED FOR THAT! I'LL CONNECT WITH THIS.

REALLY? YOU'RE SURE?

I DO NOT WANT TO ENCOUNTER MY DOUBLE! IT WOULD BE TOO WEIRD...

BUT NOT ONLY THAT...

I WANT HER TO BE THE FIRST I MEET THERE.

ZAP

BEEN A WHILE SINCE I LAST SAW THIS FIGURE!

WELL, I HAVEN'T LOGGED ON FOR A WHILE NOW...

LET'S SEE! I ASKED FOR A QUIET PLACE...

BUT WHERE IS HE? I DO NOT SEE HIM ANYWHERE.

DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD HAVE TOLD HIM?

NAH! I'M SURE HE'LL BE ABLE TO RECOGNISE US JUST FINE.

HEY, GENERAL! WHERE ARE YOU?! SHOW YOURSELF!

Why general?

IT'S THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF JANG-GUN!

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMEBODY? THERE'S NO ONE CALLED THAT HERE.

THAT'S WHERE YOU WERE HIDING? I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE SO SHY...

Huh?

IF IT'S ME YOU'RE SEARCHING FOR, YOU GOT THE WRONG NAME!

MY NAME IS LOTTO!

TO BE CONTINUED.

YUREKA SCANS

PLEASE PURCHASE THIS MANGA
WHEN IT'S AVAILABLE IN YOUR REGION!

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